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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANAGEMENT WASHINGTON

January 5, 1983



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The Foreign Missions Act (Public Law 97-241, enacted on August 24, 1982) requires the establishment of an Office of Foreign Missions in the Department of State. The office will be charged with obtaining reciprocity between United States embassies and other U.S. Government offices abroad and those of foreign governments in the United States, as well as ensuring that national security interests of the United States are protected. The scope of this office is intended to give the U.S. Government regulatory control, heretofore nonexistent, over activities of foreign missions in the United States.

President Reagan in his August 24 statement emphasized the importance of both diplomatic and national security concerns: "S. 1193 also enacts into law the Foreign Missions Act, which provides authority to regulate the activities of foreign missions in our country, in order to promote reciprocity in our diplomatic relationships and to protect our national security."

The Department and the Intelligence Community agencies have attached high priority to the establishment and operation of this office. The Department is sending the enclosed letter (Attachment A) to the Congress on January 3, 1983, requesting their concurrence to reprogram \$975,000 in operating expenses from State resources. This is in addition to the \$140,000 the Department used in FY 1982 funds to initiate data base activities which can be used for the operation of the Office of Foreign Missions.

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Director,

Intelligence Community Staff.



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Since October 1, this Department has requested and received the complete cooperation of the Intelligence Community staff as well as representatives of the FBI, CIA, NSA, DIA, Air Force, Army, and Customs in planning and establishing the scope of the office. At all times, the Intelligence Community representatives have been an integral part of the decision process.

When the Office of Foreign Missions becomes fully operational, this Department will have initially six full-time employees assigned to that office as well as twenty other employees from the regional and functional bureaus performing daily liaison. Both the Department of Defense and the FBI are planning to have three employees assigned to the office while the CIA, NSA and Customs will initially have one or more employee(s) each. Office space is available for Intelligence Community staff members if you desire representation within the office.

The total cost of first-year operation of the Office of Foreign Missions is estimated at \$2,090,000. The breakdown of obligations/expenses is at Attachment B. With the Department spending \$1,115,000 from September 1982 through September 1983, the shortfall will be \$975,000. Because the Congress has mandated and the President has emphasized that national security/counter-intelligence matters are specific concerns of the Office of Foreign Missions, the Department requests Intelligence Community funding for the office Effective implementation of the Act will benefit each of the agencies and can not be accomplished without their financial support.

We would be pleased to meet with you and your staff to answer any questions. You may contact Walter F. Weiss at 632-1638 to arrange a meeting if desired.

Sincerely yours,

Jerome W. Van Gorkom

Enclosures:

As stated.

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Attachment A

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANAGEMENT WASHINGTON

January 5, 1983

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The Department and other government agencies have attached high priority to fast establishment and operation of this office with the Department agreeing to reprogram 6 positions and \$975,000 in salaries and operating expenses from State resources. Other agencies of the U.S. government will be providing additional contractual and funding resources in direct support of this Office.

Contract assistance will be needed to carry out different provisions of the Act which would not be cost effective if operated directly by the Department. This assistance will be accomplished both through general service contracts and "intermittent contracts with specialists and experts in areas such as financial institutions, public utilities, commercial transportation, state and local tax authorities, regulatory, realty, planning and zoning, and others as needed.

The Honorable
Neal Smith, Chairman,
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
State, the Judiciary,
Committee on Appropriations,
House of Representatives.

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It is anticipated these funds will come from exchange rate gains. As required by Section 208(h)(3) of the Foreign Missions Act salaries and operating expenses for the Office of Foreign Missions will be transferred to the Department's Working Capital Fund.

I plan to insure the Committee is kept fully informed concerning the operations and programs of the Office of Foreign Missions, and the Department is prepared to respond to any additional questions or supply information you may require at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Jerome W. Van Gorkom

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Attachment B

OFFICE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET ESTIMATES (FY 83)

- Office Preparation construction, security systems, conduiting for Wang and secure phone systems, furniture, and air conditioning - \$150,000
- 2. KY-3, Wang T-75-50 with two printers and 13 work stations, and ADS Terminal (connection with main frame classified computer) \$350,000
- 3. BDM Corporation Contracts:
 - (i) Management Information and Data Survey \$140,000
 - (ii) Service Corporation and Travel Agency Functions (includes 17.5 man-years of work in Washington, D.C., New York, and four regional offices) - \$1,118,000
- 4. Office Operations \$332,000
 - (i) Telephones \$70,700
 - (ii) Publishing and Reproduction \$5,000
 - (iii) Travel \$125,000
 - (iv) Office Equipment/Copier \$10,300
 - (v) Consultants, Experts, Contractors \$121,000

TOTAL BUDGET: \$2,090,000

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